

Dear Friend,

At too many points this year, hope has seemed hard to come by. But, time and time again, our donors have helped Doctors Without Borders deliver emergency medical care to people whose lives are on the line.

You have been there right alongside us—performing surgery on patients amid the horror of conflict in Iraq, vaccinating children against measles in war-torn Syria, and responding to a devastating cholera outbreak in Yemen.

Now, as 2018 approaches and our medical teams plan for the next emergency, we're counting on your year-end support to sustain and strengthen our work.

We can't let up—not for a minute, not with people's lives hanging in the balance. As you consider the amount of your year-end donation, I'm urging you to keep a critical equation in mind.

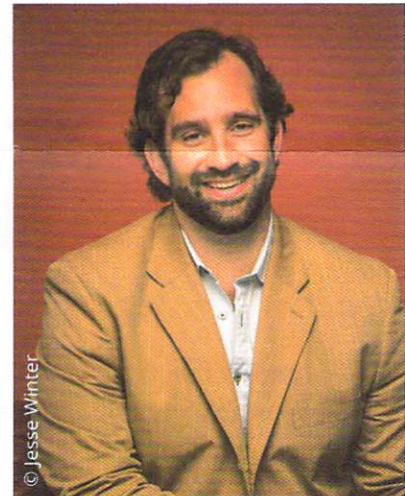
There is a direct line connecting your willingness to act and our ability to heal.

Your generous commitment this year meant we were able to vaccinate more than a million children against measles in Democratic Republic of Congo, help mothers survive complicated pregnancies amid turmoil in Afghanistan, and respond to a devastating malnutrition crisis in Nigeria. We did not have to choose from among these urgent priorities.

Because we were able to count on you and other Doctors Without Borders donors, we were prepared to dramatically scale up efforts to provide emergency medical care to Rohingya refugees forced to run for their lives from Myanmar to Bangladesh. We did not hesitate.

Now, if you decide to make a generous year-end gift, our medical teams can keep bringing a measure of hope to millions of people—one patient at a time.

Your gift will help give our doctors, nurses, and other staff the flexibility to act quickly



Jason Cone
Executive Director

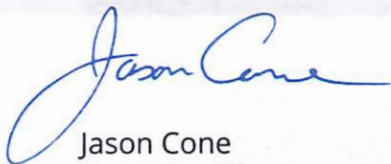
and decisively when that's what it takes to save more lives.

I can't tell you exactly where your year-end contribution will be put to use—whether it will help a mother survive a difficult pregnancy, help vaccinate a child against measles, or help a mobile team reach a remote village where people are dying from yellow fever.

But, I can promise you this: We will do everything in our power to make sure your generosity and compassion deliver urgently needed medical care to patients who, without our help, would have nowhere else to turn.

On behalf of the 39,000 Doctors Without Borders staff in the field right now and the thousands more who will head out in the weeks ahead, I hope you know how much we appreciate the vital role you play in our lifesaving work.

Sincerely,



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P.S. I hope you will take the time to review the enclosed update on some of the critical efforts your support has made possible this year. Thanks again for all you do.



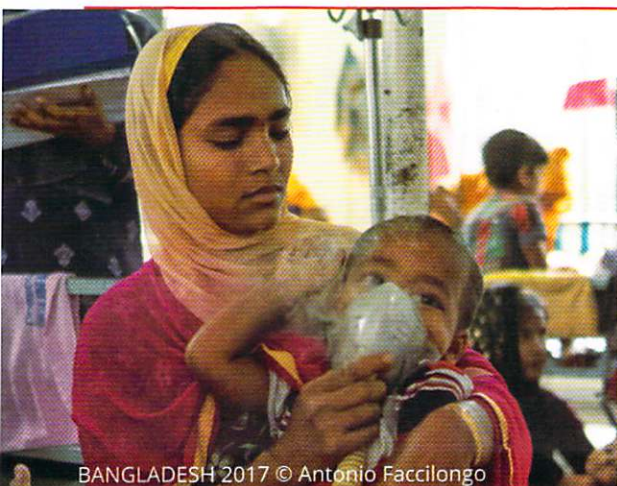


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BANGLADESH: Scaling up aid to Rohingya refugees



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"A tiny bit more bad luck and we'll have an epidemic on our hands."

—Dr. Konstantin Hanke, Doctors Without Borders Medical Activities Manager

A new wave of violence against the Rohingya ethnic minority in Myanmar forced over 582,000 people to flee to Bangladesh between late August and mid-October. Most of the newly arrived refugees have moved into makeshift settlements without adequate access to shelter, food, clean water, or bathrooms.

Doctors Without Borders has responded quickly, **working hard to prevent a public health crisis by treating infectious diseases and increasing water and sanitation activities.** At our clinic in Kutupalong, we're treating around 1,000 emergency room patients a week.

YEMEN: Responding to a cholera outbreak

"To bring the outbreak under control, it won't be enough simply to treat those people who reach medical facilities. We also need to address the source of the disease by improving water and sanitation and working in communities to prevent new cases."

—Ghassan Abou Chaar,
Doctors Without Borders Head of Mission in Yemen

Since April, Yemen has been facing one of the largest cholera epidemics ever recorded, as the disease spreads quickly due to poor sanitation, a lack of safe drinking water, and a health system shattered by the ongoing civil war.

As of August, Doctors Without Borders had provided treatment for cholera to more than 82,000 patients since the beginning of the outbreak.



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CENTRAL AMERICA: Addressing a neglected crisis



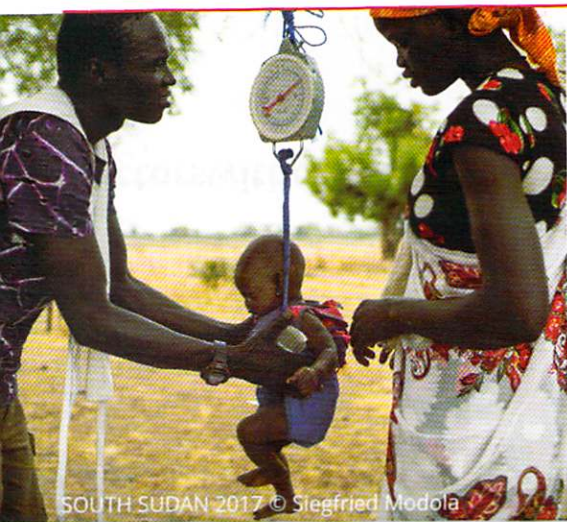
"Murder, kidnappings, threats, recruitment by non-state armed actors, extortion, sexual violence, and forced disappearance—these are the realities of war and conflicts also faced by people in this region of Central America."

—Bertrand Rossier,
Doctors Without Borders Deputy Head of Mission in Mexico

For people fleeing Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador—in one of the most dangerous regions in the world—the journey north is fraught with peril. They face violence and exploitation along the migration route to Mexico and the United States and have limited access to medical care.

Our teams are there to provide them with medical and mental health care, working in mobile clinics at hostels, near railways, and at various locations along the migration route in Mexico.

SOUTH SUDAN: Caring for people on the run



"Many people had left their villages and were hiding in the bush. We started running mobile clinics in different places every day. We were trying to gain people's confidence and understand where they were."

—Julie Reversé, Doctors Without Borders Deputy Head of Mission in South Sudan

Providing care to people displaced by violence means not only serving them where they are, but also having the special skills to build trust with the community and identify the hidden wounds of war.

Our teams in war-torn South Sudan are using diverse methods to reach displaced people and ensure they have access to essential medical care, from establishing clinics at Protection of Civilians sites to setting up makeshift outdoor hospitals.

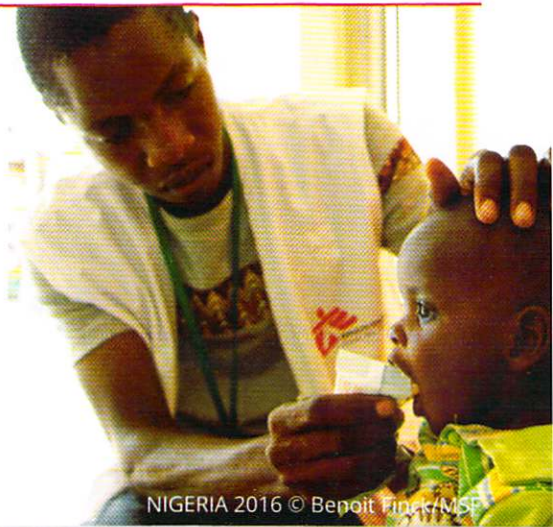
NIGERIA: Treating malnutrition in a conflict zone

"As a medical organization, it's not usually MSF's role to provide people with food. But there are people in desperate need. Other organizations were not stepping up...so MSF was obliged to fill this gap."

—Phillippe Le Vaillant, Doctors Without Borders Head of Mission in Nigeria

Years of ongoing conflict in Nigeria's Borno State have caused waves of displacement and disrupted the lives of millions of Nigerians.

More than one million displaced Nigerians have fled to the state's capital, Maiduguri, where food shortages have left many suffering from malnutrition and the illnesses associated with it. In July, **we treated around 1,400 malnourished children at our nutrition center in the Fiori neighborhood.** As of August, we were running 11 medical facilities across Borno State in addition to mobile clinics.



IRAQ: Treating war-wounded patients



"Every day, our teams are treating patients from the Old City [in Mosul], many of whom are women and children. We see patients with war-related injuries ranging from shrapnel wounds, gunshot and blast injuries, to burns and broken bones from collapsing structures."

—Stephanie Remion,
Doctors Without Borders Emergency Coordinator in western Mosul, Iraq

Air strikes, bombardments, and suicide attacks took a devastating toll on residents of Mosul, Iraq, during the fierce battle for control over the city earlier this year.

In June, Doctors Without Borders opened a new hospital in western Mosul a few miles from the front line, one of only two functioning hospitals in the area. **Our teams provided care to more than 3,600 emergency room patients over three months.**

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